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Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir, I wish hereby, through you, to resign my seat as a member of the Board of Managers of the Mass. A. S. Society, & also my office as Recording Secretary of the Society. I should have done this before, but have deferred it until now, in the hope that I should be able to accompany my resignation with the reasons for it, at a length. My numerous engagements have hitherto left no time for this; & as I do not think it proper to defer the matter longer, I must content myself with saying, in a word, that I regard the recent action of the Society & the Board, on particular subjects, as changing entirely the original character of the Society & the principles on which its meetings were originally conducted. The Society is no longer an anti-slavery society simply, but has become, in its principles & modes of action, a woman's-rights-non-government-anti-slavery society. While it remains such, I cannot consistently cooperate with or sustain it. When it shall have returned to its original character & principles, I shall rejoice to do so. Meanwhile I must seek other ways of making my influence felt for the slave.

Yours respectfully

Amos A. Phelps.

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